

“(c) REPORT.— Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the activities carried out under this section.”.

## **DIVISION F – TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND STUDIES**

### **TITLE XVI – TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT**

#### **SEC. 1601. NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT SERVICE.**

The National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### **“TITLE VII—NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT SERVICE**

##### **“SEC. 701. ESTABLISHMENT.**

“There is hereby created a Science and Technology Assessment Service (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Service’), which shall be within and responsible to the legislative branch of the Government.

##### **“SEC. 702. COMPOSITION.**

1           “The Service shall consist of a Science and Technology Board (hereinafter referred to as the  
2   ‘Board’) which shall formulate and promulgate the policies of the Service, and a Director who  
3   shall carry out such policies and administer the operations of the Service.

4   **“SEC. 703. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.**

5           “The Service shall coordinate and develop information for Congress relating to the uses and  
6   application of technology to address current national science and technology policy issues. In  
7   developing such technical assessments for Congress, the Service shall utilize, to the extent  
8   practicable, experts selected in coordination with the National Research Council.

9   **“SEC. 704. INITIATION OF ACTIVITIES.**

10          “Science and technology assessment activities undertaken by the Service may be initiated  
11   upon the request of—

12          “(1) the Chairman of any standing, special, or select committee of either House of the  
13   Congress, or of any joint committee of the Congress, acting for himself or at the request of the  
14   ranking minority member or a majority of the committee members;

15          “(2) the Board; or

16          “(3) the Director.

17   **“SEC. 705. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT.**

18          “The Director of the Science and Technology Assessment Service shall be appointed by the  
19   Board and shall serve for a term of 6 years unless sooner removed by the Board. The Director shall  
20   receive basic pay at the rate provided for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of

1 title 5, United States Code. The Director shall contract for administrative support from the Library  
2 of Congress.

3 **“SEC. 706. AUTHORITY.**

4 “The Service shall have the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to do all  
5 things necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including, but without being limited to,  
6 the authority to—

7 “(1) make full use of competent personnel and organizations outside the Office, public or  
8 private, and form special ad hoc task forces or make other arrangements when appropriate;

9 “(2) enter into contracts or other arrangements as may be necessary for the conduct of the  
10 work of the Office with any agency or instrumentality of the United States, with any State,  
11 territory, or possession or any political subdivision thereof, or with any person, firm, association,  
12 corporation, or educational institution, with or without reimbursement, without performance or  
13 other bonds, and without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 51);

14 “(3) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and uncompensated personnel necessary for  
15 the conduct of the work of the Service and provide transportation and subsistence as authorized by  
16 section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons  
17 serving without compensation; and

18 “(4) prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems necessary governing the operation and  
19 organization of the Service.

20 **“SEC. 707. BOARD.**

21 “The Board shall consist of 13 members as follows—

“(1) 6 Members of the Senate, appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, 3 from the majority party and 3 from the minority party;

“(2) 6 Members of the House or Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 3 from the majority party and 3 from the minority party; and

“(3) the Director, who shall not be a voting member.

**“SEC. 708. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

“The Service shall submit to the Congress an annual report which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of technology assessment techniques and identification, insofar as may be feasible, of technological areas and programs requiring future analysis. The annual report shall be submitted not later than March 15 of each year.

**“SEC. 709. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

“There are authorized to be appropriated to the Service such sums as are necessary to fulfill the requirements of this title.”.

## **TITLE XVII – STUDIES**

**SEC. 1701. REGULATORY REVIEWS .**

(a) REGULATORY REVIEWS.— Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this section and every five years thereafter, each Federal agency shall review relevant regulations and standards to identify—

(1) existing regulations and standards that act as barriers to—